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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

- 1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM FITZHUGH GREEN, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO: J. F. SAGLIO, DIRECTEUR DE LA PREVENTION DES POLLUTIONS ET NUISANCES, MINISTRY OF QUALITY OF LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT:
- 2. "DEAR MR. SAGLIO: FOLLOWING OUR USEFUL CONVERSATION IN PARIS LAST MONTH, I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH COLLEAGUES AT EPA AN EXCHANGE OF SENIOR EXPERTS IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH MUTUAL COOPERATION.

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3. I PROPOSE THAT YOUR MINISTRY SEND TO THE US FOR A PERIOD

OF PERHAPS 2-3 MONTHS A SENIOR AIR POLLUTION OFFICIAL WHO WOULD THEREBY BE ABLE TO GAIN A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF US ACTIVITIES TO CONTROL AIR POLLUTION. WE ARE PREPARED TO SET UP A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR YOUR OFFICIAL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO SOME OF EPA'S REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, FIRST-HAND EXAMINATION OF THE WORK AT SOME OF EPA'S NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTERS, AN APPRECIATION OF MONITORING TECHNIQUES AND STANDARDS, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CURRENTS WHICH AFFECT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN THE US.

SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD, OF COURSE, BE ARRANGED IN CONSULTATION WITH YOU AND TAILORED TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE OFFICIAL YOU SEND.

- 4. TO BRING ABOUT THE OTHER HALF OF THE EXCHANGE WE ARE EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF SENDING TO FRANCE ONE OR TWO EXPERTS IN THE WATER POLLUTION FIELD. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO FIND OFFICIALS OF POLICY STATURE AND ESTABLISHED TECHNICAL SKILL WHO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL FACILITY IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE. IN ADDITION, SUCH AN OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE TO SPEND SUFFICIENT TIME IN FRANCE TO ENABLE HIM ON HIS RETURN TO THE US TO IMPART TO OTHER AMERICAN EXPERTS FRANCE'S ADVANCED WORK IN THE WATER POLLUTION FIELD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN FIND THE RIGHT PERSON.
- 5. WE WOULD HOPE TO MOVE AHEAD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE ON THESE PROPOSALS. I WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.
- 6. I WILL BE IN PARIS BRIEFLY DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER. MR. SALMON OF OUR EMBASSY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO FIX A TIME TO CONCLUDE THESE ARRANGEMENTS. WARM REGARDS. FITZHUGH GREEN."
- 7. ACTION PARIS: FOR SCIENCE ATTACHE SALMON: GREEN WILL BE IN PARIS NOVEMBER 12-14 FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. PLEASE ARRANGE APPOINTMENT DURING THAT PERIOD, PREFERABLY DURING A.M. OF NOVEMBER 12, OR AT ANOTHER TIME WHEN IT WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH OECD SESSIONS. INGERSOLL

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